

# ***NOAA Okeanos Explorer Program***

## **MAPPING DATA REPORT**

### **CRUISE EX1203**

Exploration Mapping: Gulf of Mexico

May 5 – May 23, 2012  
Galveston, TX to Norfolk, VA

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## 1. Introduction



### **The *Okeanos Explorer* Program**

Commissioned in August 2008, the NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* is the nation's only federal vessel dedicated to ocean exploration. With 95% of the world's oceans left unexplored, the ship's combination of scientific and technological tools uniquely positions it to systematically explore new areas of our largely unknown ocean. These exploration cruises are explicitly designed to generate hypotheses and lead to further investigations by the wider scientific community.

Using a high-resolution multibeam sonar with water column capabilities, a deep water remotely operated vehicle, and telepresence technology, *Okeanos Explorer* provides NOAA the ability to foster scientific discoveries by identifying new targets in real time, diving on those targets shortly after initial detection, and then sending this information back to shore for immediate near-real-time collaboration with scientists and experts at Exploration Command Centers around the world. The subsequent transparent and rapid dissemination of information-rich products to the scientific community ensures that discoveries are immediately available to experts in relevant disciplines for research and analysis.

Through the *Okeanos Explorer* Program, NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) provides the nation with unparalleled capacity to discover and investigate new oceanic regions and phenomena, conduct the basic research required to document discoveries, and seamlessly disseminate data and information-rich products to a multitude of users. The program strives to develop technological solutions and innovative applications to critical problems in undersea exploration and to provide resources for developing, testing, and transitioning solutions to meet these needs.

### ***Okeanos Explorer* Management – a unique partnership within NOAA**

The *Okeanos Explorer* Program combines the capabilities of the NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* with shore-based high speed networks and infrastructure for systematic telepresence-enabled exploration of the world ocean. The ship is operated, managed and maintained by NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, which includes commissioned officers of the NOAA Corps and civilian wage mariners. OER owns and is responsible for operating and managing the cutting-edge ocean exploration systems on the vessel (ROV, mapping and telepresence) and ashore including Exploration Command Centers and terrestrial high speed networks. The ship and shore-based infrastructure combine to be the only federal program dedicated to systematic telepresence-enabled exploration of the planet's largely unknown ocean.

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## 2. Report Purpose

The purpose of this report is to briefly describe the mapping data collection and processing methods, and to report the major results of the cruise. For a detailed description of the *Okeanos Explorer* mapping capabilities, see Appendix B as well as the ship's readiness report, which can be obtained by contacting the ships Operations Officer ([ops.explorer@noaa.gov](mailto:ops.explorer@noaa.gov)).

This report focuses on exploration expedition EX1203 during which areas of Gulf of Mexico, Florida Escarpment, and South Atlantic Bight were mapped.

## 3. Cruise Objectives

The exploration area for this expedition was chosen based upon guidance from the OER / Ocean Exploration Advisory Working Group (OEAWG) workshop results (Atlantic Basin Workshop, 2011) that identified high priority target areas for exploration in the Gulf of Mexico (Fig. 1) and input received from participating scientists from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM, Bill Shedd), the United States Geological Survey (Laura Brothers), other NOAA line offices (National Ocean Service, Geo Olmi) and academic institutions including the University of New Hampshire (UNH, Larry Mayer and Tom Weber), Louisiana State University (LSU, Bob Carney), the University of North Carolina (UNC, Steve Ross and Michael Rhodes), Scott Harris (CoC) and Duke University (Cindy Vandover).

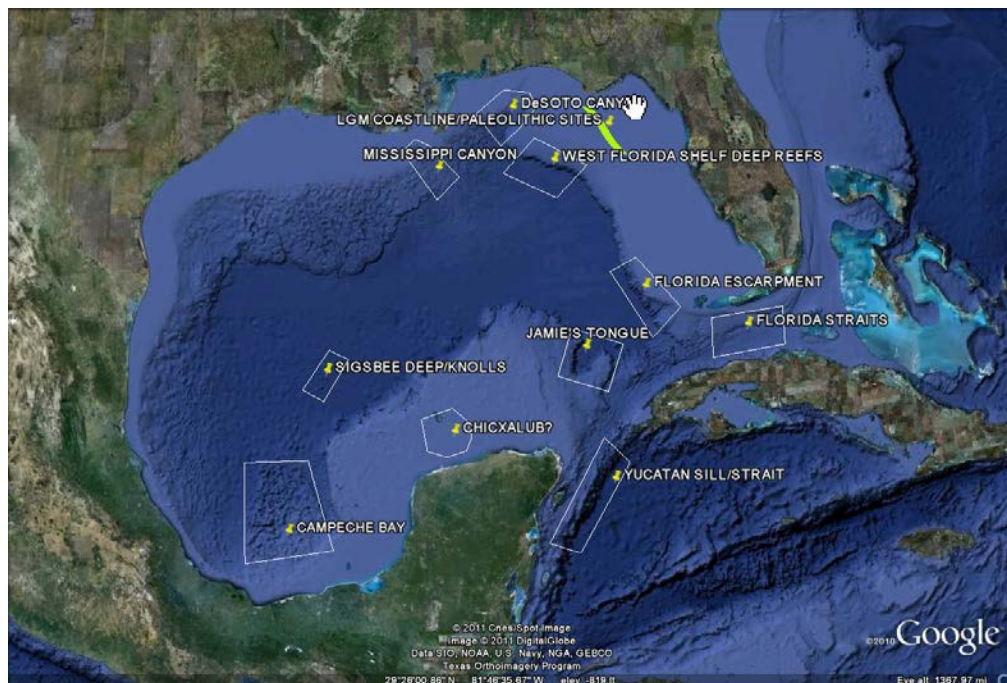


Figure 1: Priority exploration targets identified during Atlantic basin workshop held in May 2011. Image created in Google Earth.

Most of the sites in the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico (Fig. 1) were excluded from consideration for EX1203 as they are outside the US EEZ and the time frame for this cruise was considered too short to pursue any foreign clearances/ permits. Focusing on the Northern part of the Gulf, two exploration areas were chosen: the Mississippi Canyon and the Western Florida Shelf.

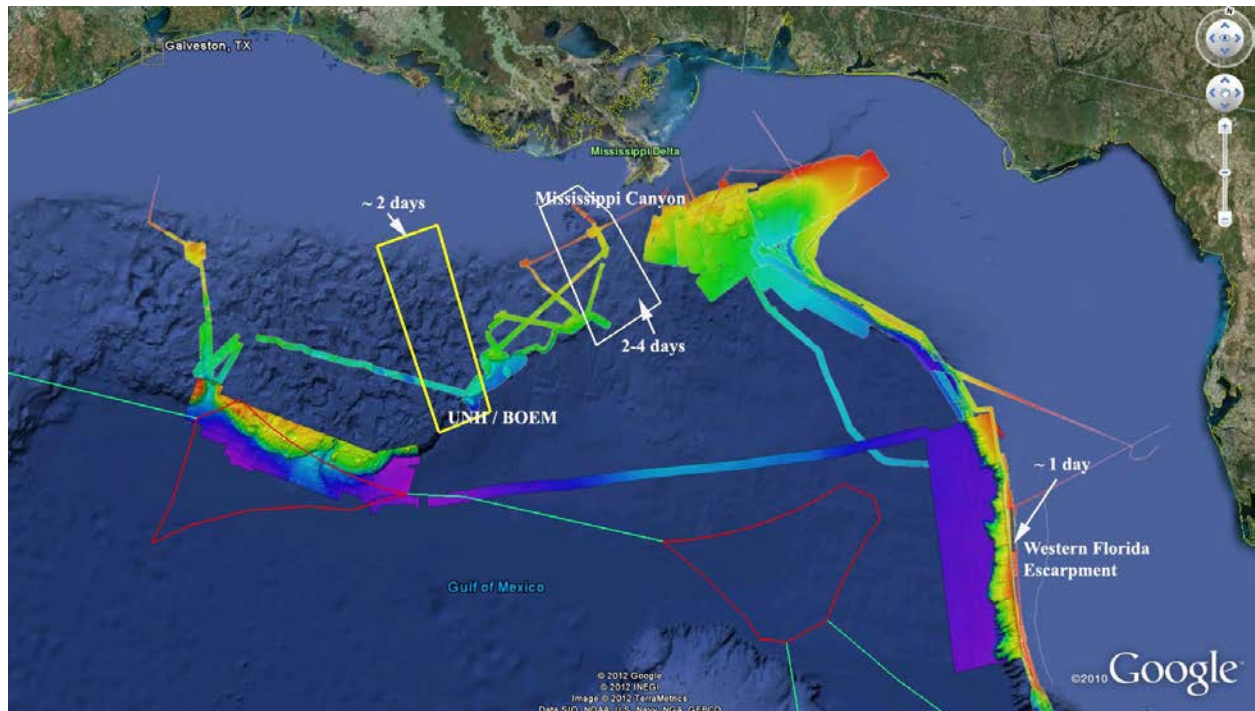


Figure 2a: Mapping priority areas for EX1203 along with expected time to be spent at each site in Gulf of Mexico. Shown is the previous mapping coverage in vicinity of work areas. Image created in Google Earth.



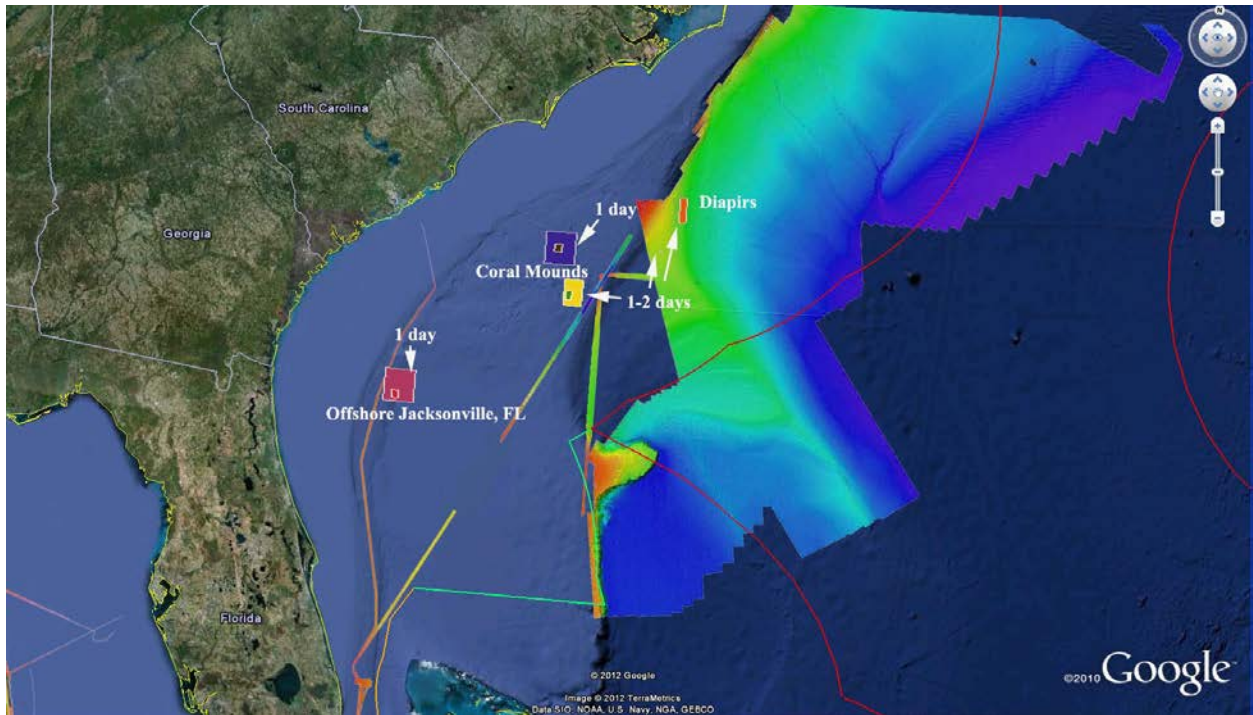


Figure 2b: Mapping priority areas for EX1203 along with expected time to be spent at each site in South Atlantic Bight. Shown is the previous mapping coverage in vicinity of work areas. Image created in Google Earth.

In summary the following were mission objectives for EX1203 (as per EX1203 project instructions, April 2, 2012):

*a. Safe Transit from Galveston, TX to Norfolk, VA*

The overall objective was data collection during a safe transit from Galveston, TX to Norfolk, VA. Continuous data collection (24 hours per day) occurred for the following data types: EM 302 multibeam bathymetry, bottom backscatter, and water column backscatter; EK 60 singlebeam water column; and Knudsen sub-bottom profiler data (collected daily from 0800-2000 local time).

*b. Focused mapping during the transit*

A relatively direct route from Galveston, TX to Norfolk, VA was approximately 1836 NM (3400 km), a time of approximately 9 days at transit speeds (~ 10-12 knots). The remaining approximately 10 days of the cruise were dedicated to focused mapping exploration operations. These operations included (please refer to Figure 2):

1. Completion of partial mapping in the BOEM/UNH box. Continue mapping coverage along the Florida Escarpment during transit adjacent to previous *Okeanos Explorer* coverage and completing Mapping Area along the Florida Escarpment (Figure 2a);

2. Water column and sub-bottom exploration mapping operations in the vicinity of the Blake Ridge Diapir in preparation for EX-12-05 Leg 1 (Figure 2b);
3. Mapping in focused previously unexplored areas offshore Jacksonville, FL over coral mounds (Figure 2b).

*c. Science objectives*

1. Continue to identify and explore the diversity of benthic habitats in the region (e.g. seeps, deep corals, canyons) by building on mapping coverage obtained during EX-11-05, EX-11-06, and EX-12-02 Legs 1, 2, and 3;
2. Possibly locate and characterize submerged cultural resources (SCR), e.g. shipwrecks (data will be used to assess their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places) within EX-1203 operating area;
3. Utilize sub-bottom sonar to explore diapirs in the vicinity of Blake Ridge;
4. Conduct preliminary water column mapping (24-48 hrs) of Blake Ridge diapir system to test the hypothesis that there may be seepage and chemosynthetic communities along the 1000-m isobaths at the boundary of the methane hydrate stability zone using mapping and photo groundtruthing of selected targets.

*d. Telepresence (VSAT 5 mb/sec ship to shore; T1 shore to ship)*

1. Test and refine ship-to-shore communications and operations procedures;
2. Test and refine operating procedures and products;
3. Engage a broad spectrum of the scientific community and public in telepresence-based exploration, including during the cruise planning process; and
4. Expand use of the 'Doctors-on-Call' model.

*e. Data Management*

1. Provide a foundation of publicly accessible data and information products to spur further exploration, research, and management activities, as detailed in the 2012 post-cruise product list;
2. Provide daily, cumulative multibeam products to shore for operational decision making purposes, as detailed in the 2012 field products list;
3. Test data pipeline for daily transfer of raw sonar data to shore;

4. Test data pipeline of operationally required sub-bottom and EK 60 products to shore.

*f. Outreach / Media*

1. Port events in Norfolk, VA was conducted on 24 May 2012 that included ship's tours by NOAA leadership including Acting Deputy Administrator Eric Schwaab. Complete attendee list is attached as Appendix D. After the tours, a brief discussion was held accompanied by a light lunch at the pier (hosted by VA Coastal Zone management Program and VA Sea Grant) to discuss OER partnership activities to map NE canyons.
2. Live interaction between the ship's control room and Silver Spring ECC on 22 May to host (Mr. Glen Paul, Media Officer in Corporate Communications for CSIRO, Australia, OER POC Fred Gorrell), and on 21 May to host Bill Gibson, a D.C.-based reporter for the Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel and the Orlando Sentinel (OER POC Fred Gorrell) and on 16 May to host OER intern Daniela Vitarelli (OER POC Joanne Flanders).

#### 4. Participating Personnel

NAME	ROLE	AFFILIATION
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#### 5. Summary of Major Findings

The expedition was divided into focused mapping areas while in transit from Galveston, TX to Norfolk, VA. The transit track line was deliberately laid adjacent to existing multibeam coverage.

##### *a. BOEM / UNH Focused site (In vicinity of Green Canyon and Assumption Hill)*

Assumption Hill / Green Canyon was the first focused site of the expedition where the EM302 and EK60 detected approximately 50 distinct water column targets which were presumed to be gas seeps rising from the seafloor. Dr. Carney (LSU) provided locations of the video observations of the seeps from 1980 to the present. Figure 3 shows a screen shot of



QPS/Fledermaus processed data of the northern area within this focused mapping site showing the bathymetry and the water column curtain obtained from the EK 60 sonar. The presumed seeps are highlighted by blue arrows.

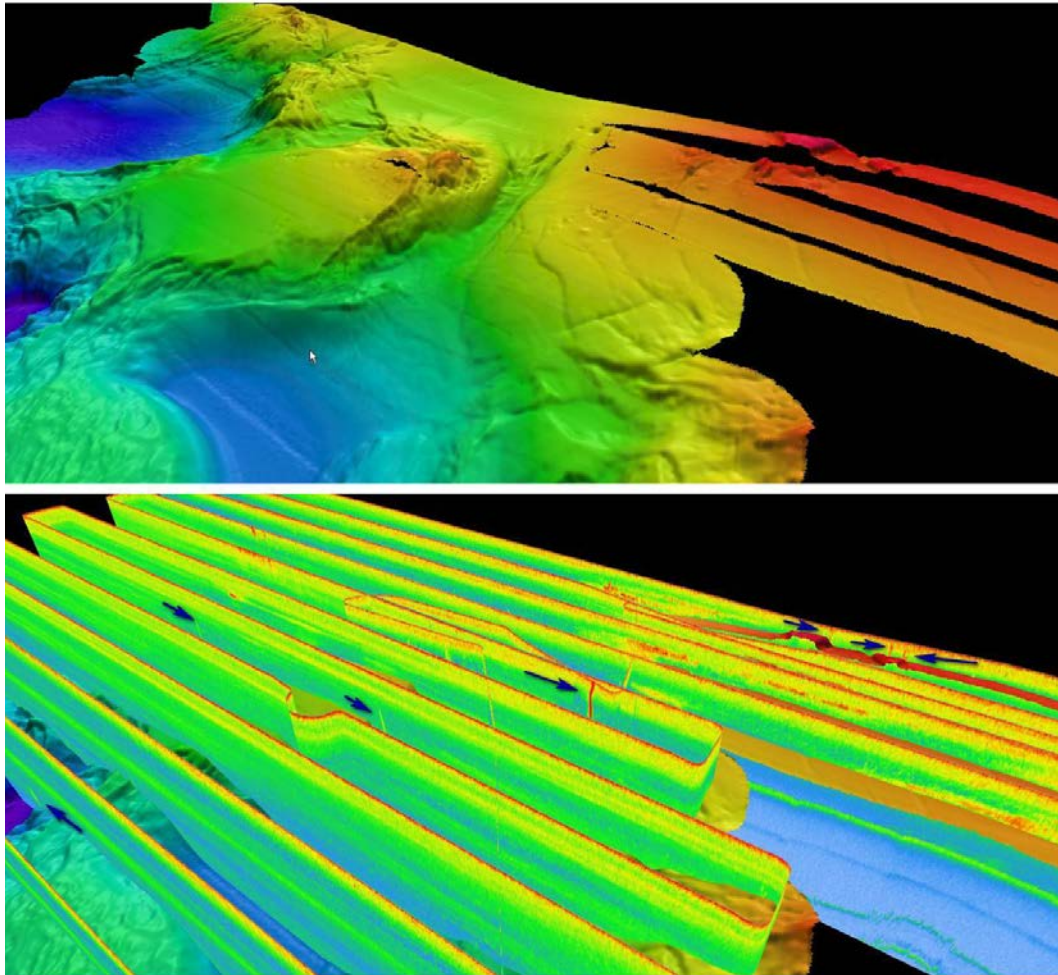


Figure 3: Top panel shows the bathymetry collected by EM 302. Lower panel shows the curtain of EK 60 single beam water column backscatter showing several presumed gaseous seeps (highlighted by blue arrows).

The following image (Figure 4) shows the location of the video observations of the seeps along with the seeps locations as detected by the EM302 and the EK60. The seep locations are overlaid on the bathymetric data that were collected during the current expedition.

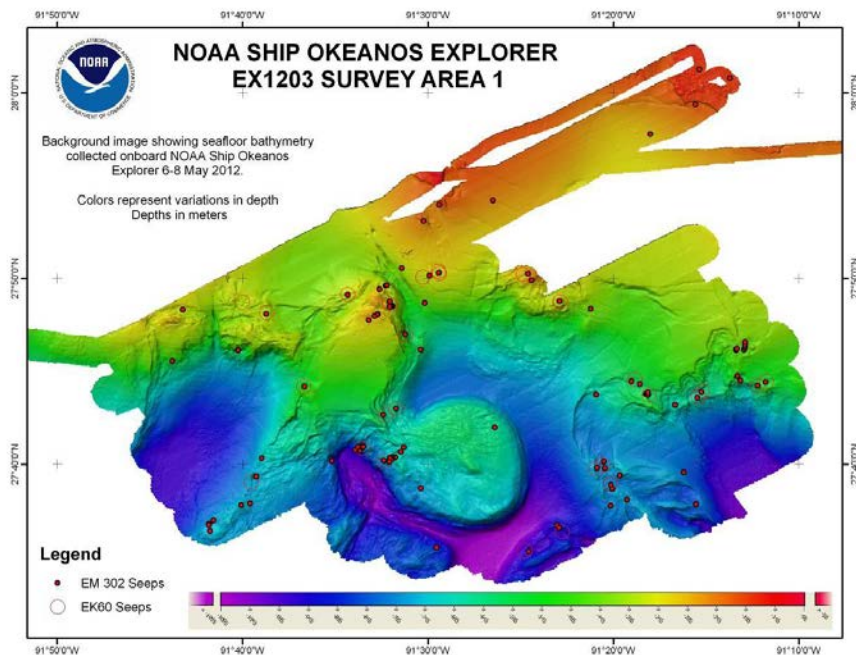


Figure 4: Compilation of presumed gaseous seeps detected by EM 302 and EK 60 water column backscatter data draped over the bathymetry collected by EM 302. The near circular feature in the middle of the Figure is Assumption Hill.

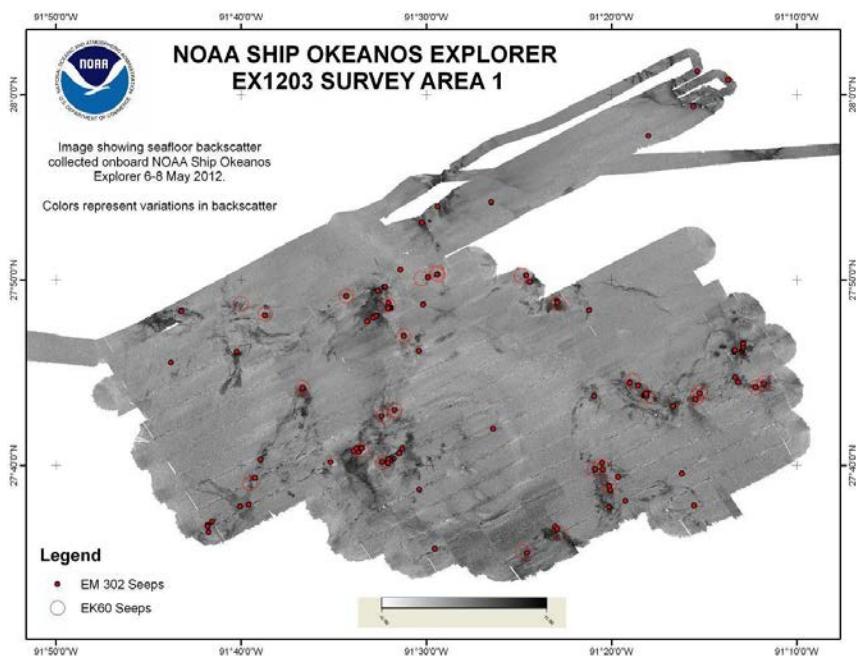


Figure 5: Compilation of presumed gaseous seeps detected by EM 302 and EK 60 water column backscatter data draped over the seafloor backscatter data collected by EM 302.

The locations of the seeps detected in this area are tabulated below:

*Table 1: Seep locations detected by EM 302.*

<b>Longitude(W)</b>	<b>Latitude(N)</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Longitude(W)</b>	<b>Latitude(N)</b>	<b>Depth</b>
-91.553	27.79611	-76.1	-91.258	27.72639	-628.37
-91.259	27.63055	-822.61	-91.278	27.71992	-661.22
-91.49	27.83852	-281.99	-91.504	27.88504	-184.22
-91.49	27.83849	-308.07	-91.228	28.01329	-132.13
-92.174	27.81228	-308.96	-91.26	27.98956	-163.56
-92.174	27.81138	-302.54	-91.572	27.81889	-356.94
-92.153	27.80588	-246.09	-91.076	27.95412	-195.07
-91.256	28.02112	-130.41	-91.076	27.95405	-193.59
-91.49	27.89958	-180.3	-91.064	27.95508	-198.88
-91.73	27.75915	-516.93	-91.52	27.7833	-519.86
-91.442	27.90349	-202.81	-91.611	27.73644	-486
-91.645	27.80155	-368.22	-91.649	27.67198	-703.8
-91.3	27.96291	-267.84	-91.382	27.81312	-319.05
-91.523	27.84253	-370.67	-91.31	27.73868	-533.2
-91.721	27.80529	-337.12	-91.317	27.74122	-580.83
-91.503	27.81134	-465.32	-91.349	27.72914	-644.33
-91.671	27.76906	-562.5	-91.492	27.59195	-894.43
-91.384	27.61177	-889.81	-91.348	27.66338	-792.17
-91.382	27.60975	-903.83	-91.341	27.66321	-779.86
-91.27	27.6595	-825.73	-91.342	27.66903	-806.44
-91.321	27.63451	-795.76	-91.204	27.7372	-544.53
-91.409	27.58827	-945.83	-91.196	27.74036	-540.38
-91.336	27.62947	-807.76	-91.335	27.64816	-783.99
-91.44	27.69987	-617.66	-91.334	27.64449	-802.4
-91.506	27.64479	-792.15	-91.328	27.65675	-798.34
-91.304	27.72961	-526.15	-91.41	27.83758	-265.66
-91.303	27.72949	-555.15	-91.407	27.83175	-221.22
-91.303	27.72966	-557.43	-91.507	27.76971	-555.39
-91.302	27.72878	-560.86	-91.696	27.61311	-767.9
-91.302	27.73114	-511.37	-91.697	27.61305	-773.67
-91.223	27.76914	-450.87	-91.696	27.60691	-765.8
-91.223	27.77028	-420.52	-91.697	27.61238	-783.18
-91.222	27.77038	-429.12	-91.693	27.61622	-748.38
-91.216	27.76944	-374	-91.668	27.62975	-696.33
-91.215	27.77117	-433.77	-91.66	27.63128	-775.43
-91.215	27.77214	-440.44	-91.586	27.6698	-860.6
-91.215	27.77406	-421.49	-91.565	27.67957	-910.74
-91.215	27.77616	-435.75	-91.561	27.67891	-885.48

-91.219	27.74156	-540.39	-91.563	27.68202	-841.32
-91.222	27.74594	-524.09	-91.559	27.68114	-839.26
-91.254	27.73152	-630.43	-91.559	27.68228	-839.18
-91.558	27.68219	-835.3	-91.534	27.81282	-341.05
-91.522	27.68165	-663.48	-91.532	27.80856	-107.1
-91.525	27.67742	-698.24	-91.533	27.8085	-102.67
-91.53	27.67271	-694.45	-91.533	27.80835	-104.36
-91.532	27.67291	-717.59	-91.534	27.80821	-85.98
-91.532	27.67116	-715.59	-91.534	27.80799	-80.02
-91.533	27.6706	-707.93	-91.534	27.80794	-80.99
-91.534	27.67216	-721.37	-91.545	27.80128	-70.12
-91.534	27.67186	-725.23	-91.545	27.80105	-71.49
-91.535	27.66873	-733.02	-91.546	27.80092	-79.87
-91.539	27.66965	-783.35	-91.548	27.79957	-67.29
-91.54	27.66987	-800.56	-91.499	27.83598	-347.53
-91.654	27.65567	-772.95	-91.353	27.80618	-435.62
-91.544	27.82379	-305.32	-91.529	27.71656	-641.32
-91.538	27.82711	-365.38	-91.54	27.71119	-609.43
-91.537	27.82729	-365.34			

*Table 2: Seep Locations detected by EK60*

Longitude (W)	Latitude (N)	Depth
-91.667	27.81214	-343.33
-91.645	27.80276	-355.29
-91.572	27.81901	-331.37
-91.491	27.83987	-294.28
-91.612	27.73659	-474.92
-91.52	27.78319	-501.24
-91.414	27.83726	-251.22
-91.381	27.81256	-321.8
-91.529	27.71663	-625.65
-91.539	27.71137	-593.35
-91.659	27.65041	-744.08
-91.559	27.68077	-797.92
-91.54	27.66957	-765.62
-91.314	27.74302	-558.66
-91.301	27.72877	-558.66
-91.254	27.73243	-617.28
-91.343	27.66615	-813.47
-91.349	27.6629	-779.97

-91.204	27.73689	-520.38
-91.196	27.74088	-519.18
-91.336	27.64887	-789.54
-91.413	27.58896	-949.84
-91.379	27.60601	-947.45
-91.257	27.7276	-648.38
-91.535	27.81039	-301.46
-91.49	27.83813	-299.07
-91.505	27.83468	-334.96

Ship observed an unknown sheen on 7 May which was reported to NRC (Incident # 1010808)  
[http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard\\_web+inc\\_seq=1010808](http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1010808)

### *b. Mississippi Canyon*

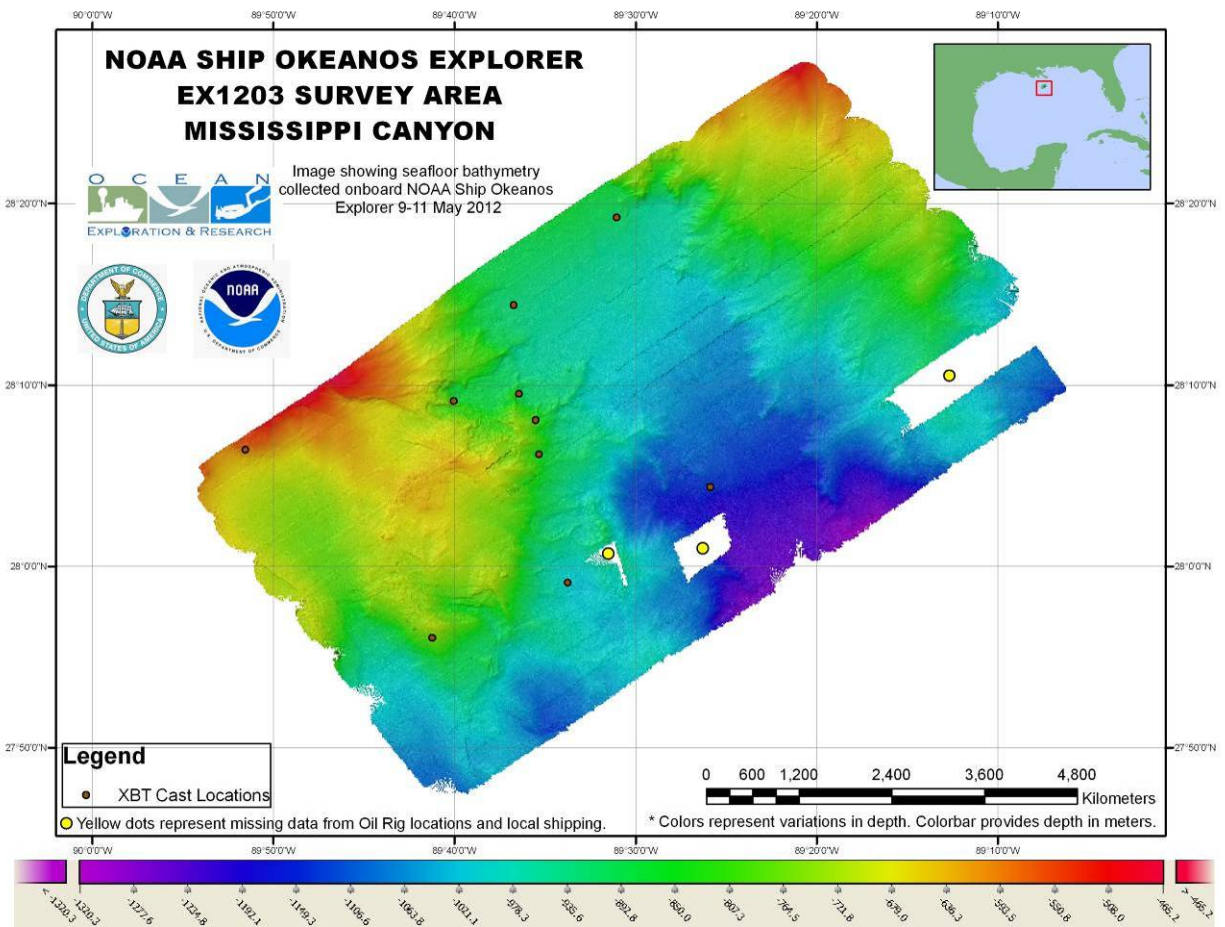


Figure 6: Bathymetry data acquired in the Mississippi canyon priority mapping box overlaid with the XBT cast locations and the oil rig locations which hindered collection of the data in vicinity of these oil rigs.



### ***c. Western Florida Escarpment focused mapping area***

The mapping area was identified during 2011 by Steve Ross (UNC). Over the previous five cruises during 2011 and 2012, the transit mapping track line to and from the Gulf of Mexico from the East coast was intentionally planned to overlap the previous data. Over these five cruises, the whole of the area identified by the scientists has been mapped (Figure 7).

Several interesting features were observed in the vicinity of the priority area. A few of the examples are provided in Figures 8.

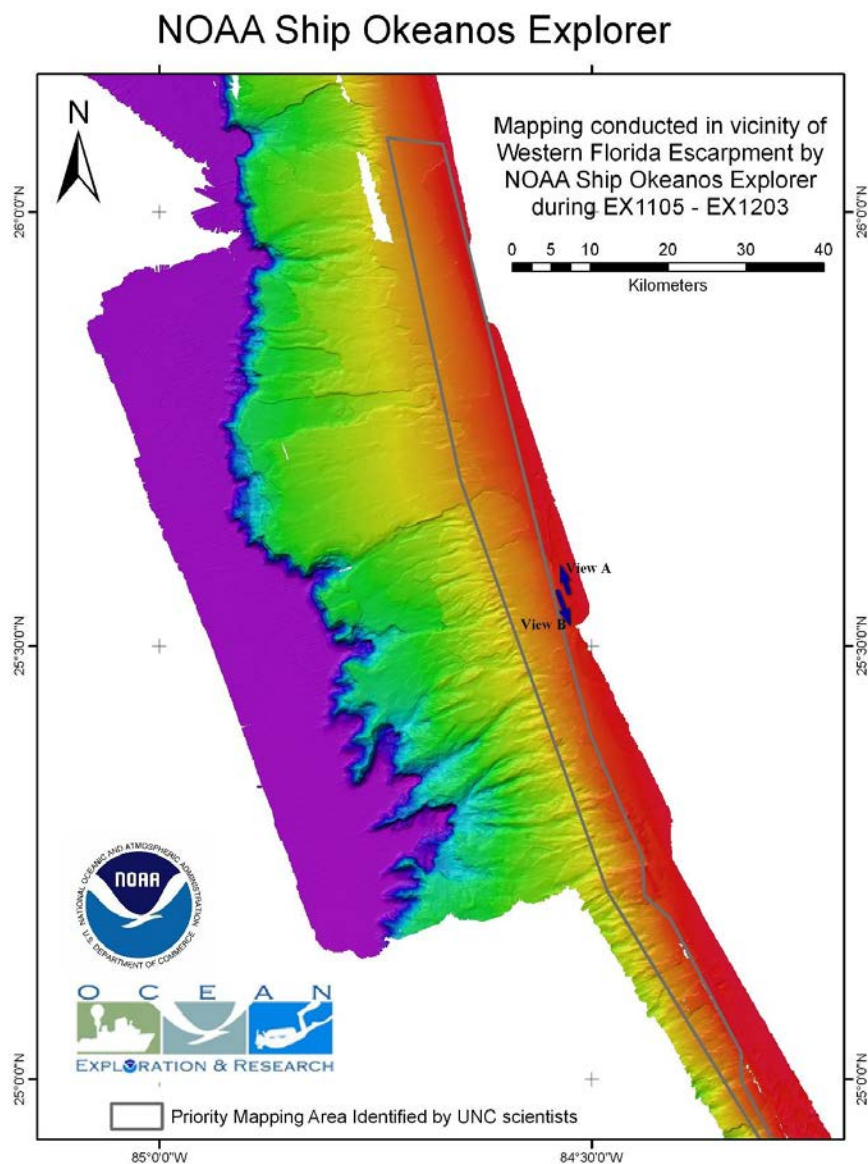


Figure 7: Western Florida Escarpment priority box. The bathymetric data shown is the compilation of all the bathymetric data that has been collected in this area during the ship's

expeditions in Gulf of Mexico since 2011. Zoomed in perspective views (A and B) are shown in Figure 8.

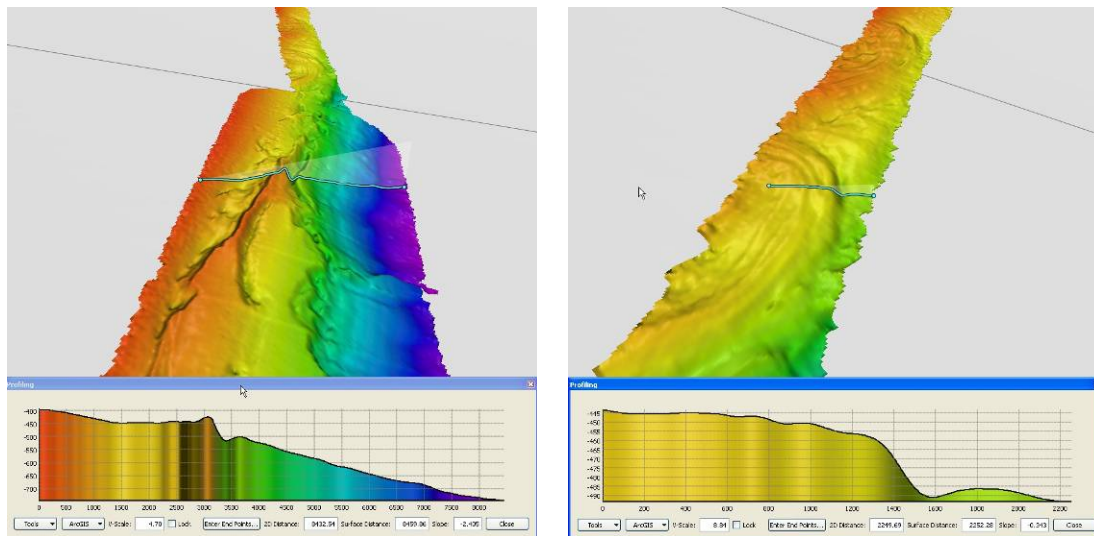


Figure 8: Left (A) and right (B) panels represent virtual-view direction using QPS/Fledermaus. View directions are shown in Figure 7.

#### *d. South Atlantic Bight focused mapping areas*

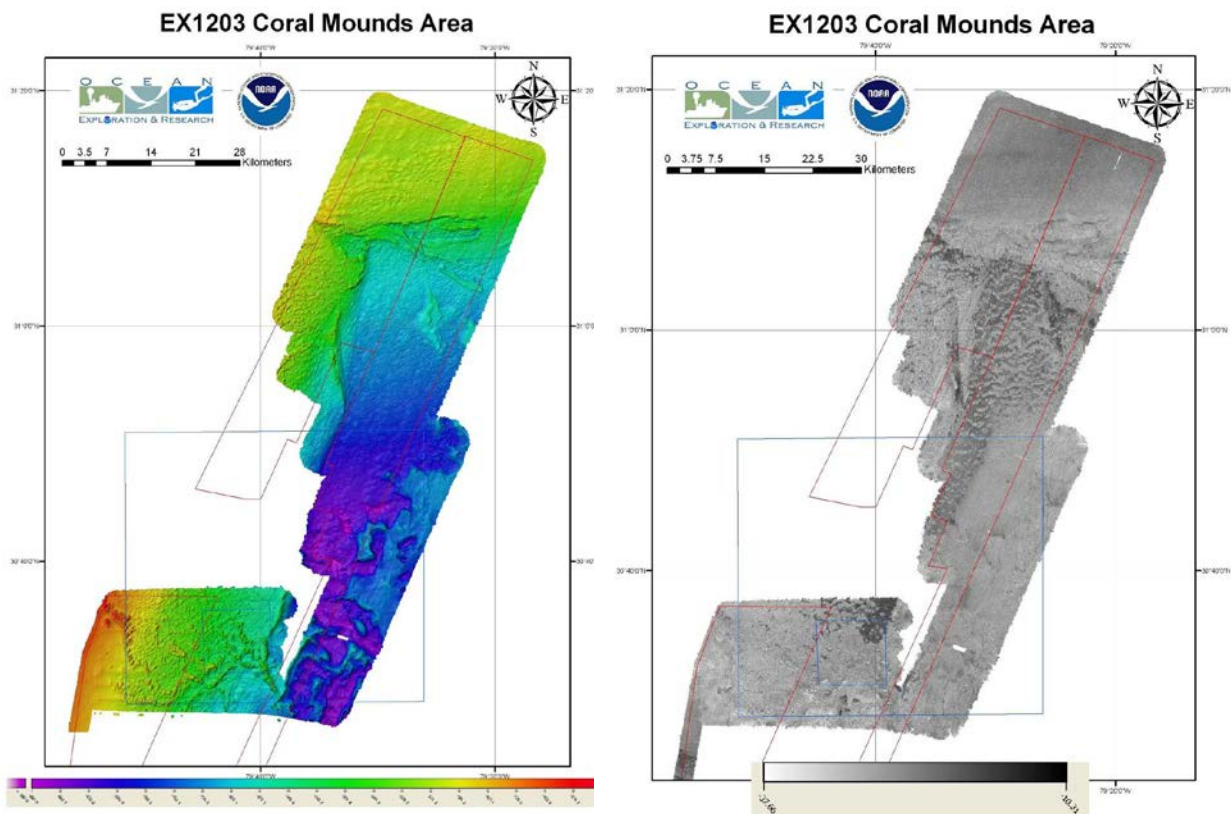


Figure 9: Left and right panel show the EM 302 seafloor bathymetry and backscatter respectively. Overlaid are the priority mapping boxes that were received from the scientists. Red boxes were received from Mike Rhode (UNC) and Blue boxes were received from Scott Harris (CoC)

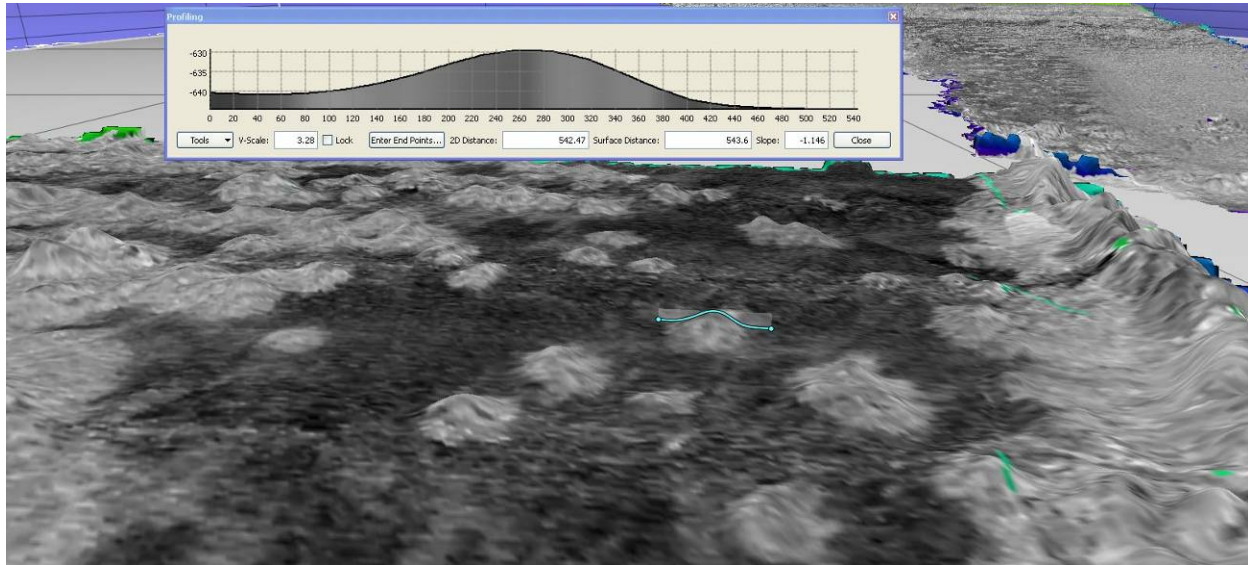


Figure 10: A zoomed in view of the seafloor backscatter data draped over the seafloor bathymetry. A profile is drawn across a topographic high presumed to be a coral mound. High backscatter shown in darker color.

These areas showed several topographic circular features which were ~ 200-500 m in diameter and varied in relief of ~ 10 – 20 m. A distinct anomalous character of these topographic high features was their low backscatter contrast from surrounding seafloor.

#### **e. Blake Ridge Diapirs focused mapping areas**

On 19 May the Tropical Storm Alberto intensified which forced the ship to take shelter in MayPort, FL. After leaving from MayPort, FL on 21 May, the ship assessed the situation and a decision was made to not pursue the mapping of rest of Coral mounds and diapirs mapping areas. The image below summarizes the location of the storm with respect to the suggested mapping areas along with the ship's location as of 21 May 2012 PM.

During transit from MayPort, FL to Norfolk, VA on 22 May several flares were observed which were reported to USCG. Upon request from USCG a search pattern was conducted for any possible rescue operations. Later USCG notified that the flares were part of a military exercise.

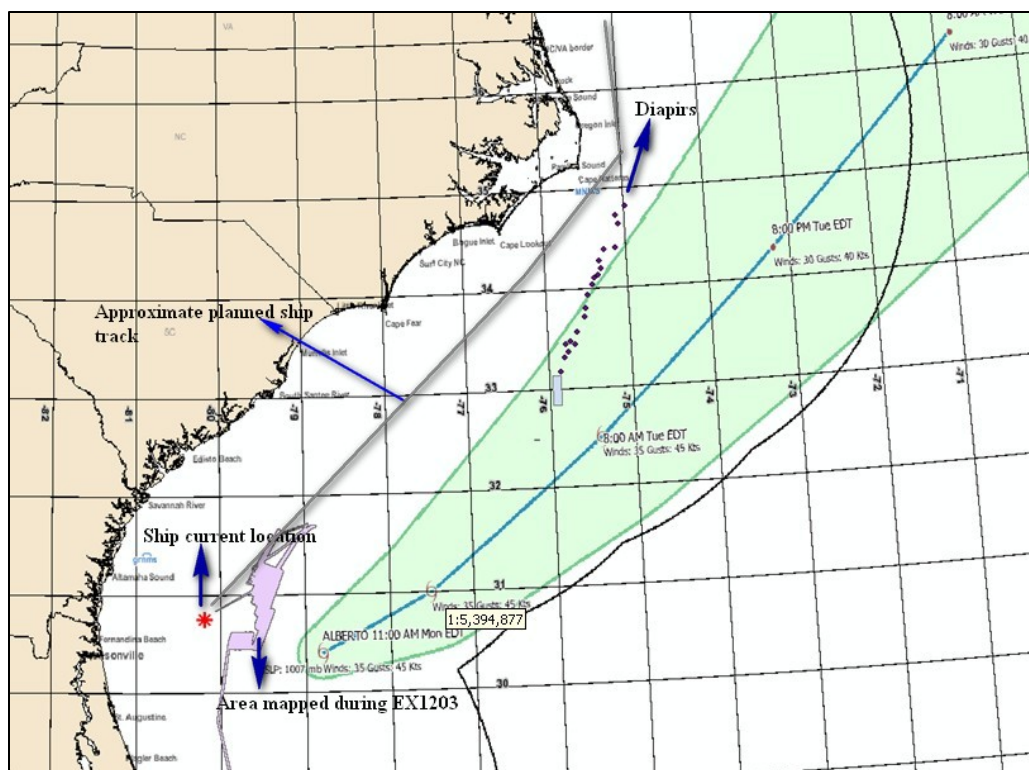


Figure 11: An image showing the projected track of Tropical Storm Alberto and the planned mapping areas (Diapirs). Tropical storm projected track from National Hurricane Center. Image created in ESRI ArcMap.

## 6. Mapping Statistics

Dates	05/05/12-05/23/12
Weather delays	1 day
Total non-mapping days	0 days
Total survey mapping days	9 days
Total transit mapping days	9 days
Line kilometers of survey	6761.8 km
Square kilometers mapped	17734.5 sq km
Number of bathymetric multibeam files	315
Data volume of raw multibeam data files	37.1 GB
Number of water column multibeam files	309
Data volume of water column multibeam files	75.3 GB
Number of XBT casts	83
Number of CTD casts	1
Beginning draft	14'6'' (fwd) 14'8'' (aft)
Ending draft	13'8'' (fwd) 15'2''
Average ship speed for survey	8.0 kts



## **7. Mapping Sonar Setup**

The NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* is equipped with a 30 kHz Kongsberg EM 302 multibeam sonar. Appendix B contains a detailed description of sonar system functionality and technical specifications. For this cruise no changes were made to the standard setup of the mapping sonars onboard.

## **8. Data Acquisition and processing summary**

Multibeam sonar (EM 302) data were acquired using Kongsberg Seafloor Information System (SIS ver. 3.6.4). SIS system accounts for all the static offsets and biases during real time acquisition. The motion data from the POS MV 320 (Ver. 4.0.2.0) was directly fed into SIS during data acquisition to account for ship motion (i.e. heave, roll, pitch). Yaw data was provided by the TSS gyro-compasses located on the bridge. Also the real time sound speed near the sonar head (dually measured by Reson Sound Speed sensor and a CTD sensor installed in proximity to the EM 302 receiver) was fed into SIS and the most updated acquired sound speed profile was used in real time to correct soundings for sound speed corrections during data acquisition. Unless there are problems observed in the data, there is no requirement to apply these corrections during post processing. The water column backscatter were collected all the time (except for few files listed in the multibeam data files list) which were recorded into separate to bottom bathymetry and backscatter data as \*.wcd files.

CARIS HIPS/SIPS v. 6.3 was used to edit the bathymetric data from the EM 302 multibeam. Edited data was exported to ASCII text files and then imported to QPS Fledermaus Ver. 7.3.0c Build 968 for further processing, visualization, quality control, and product generation.

The QPS Fledermaus FMGT (Ver. 7.3.0c Build 968) software package was used for processing EM 302 bottom backscatter data. Processing watches were setup separately for water column backscatter processing. The observed location of seeps noted in the log book during data acquisition helped greatly in the process of detecting seeps during analysis of the water column backscatter in QPS. 'Fan view' and 'Stacked view' were used in the QPS water column tool to identify the possible seeps. The locations of the seeps detected in each line were then exported into a text file. Some of the characteristic examples of the seep shape and structure observed in the Green Canyon mapping area are provided below:



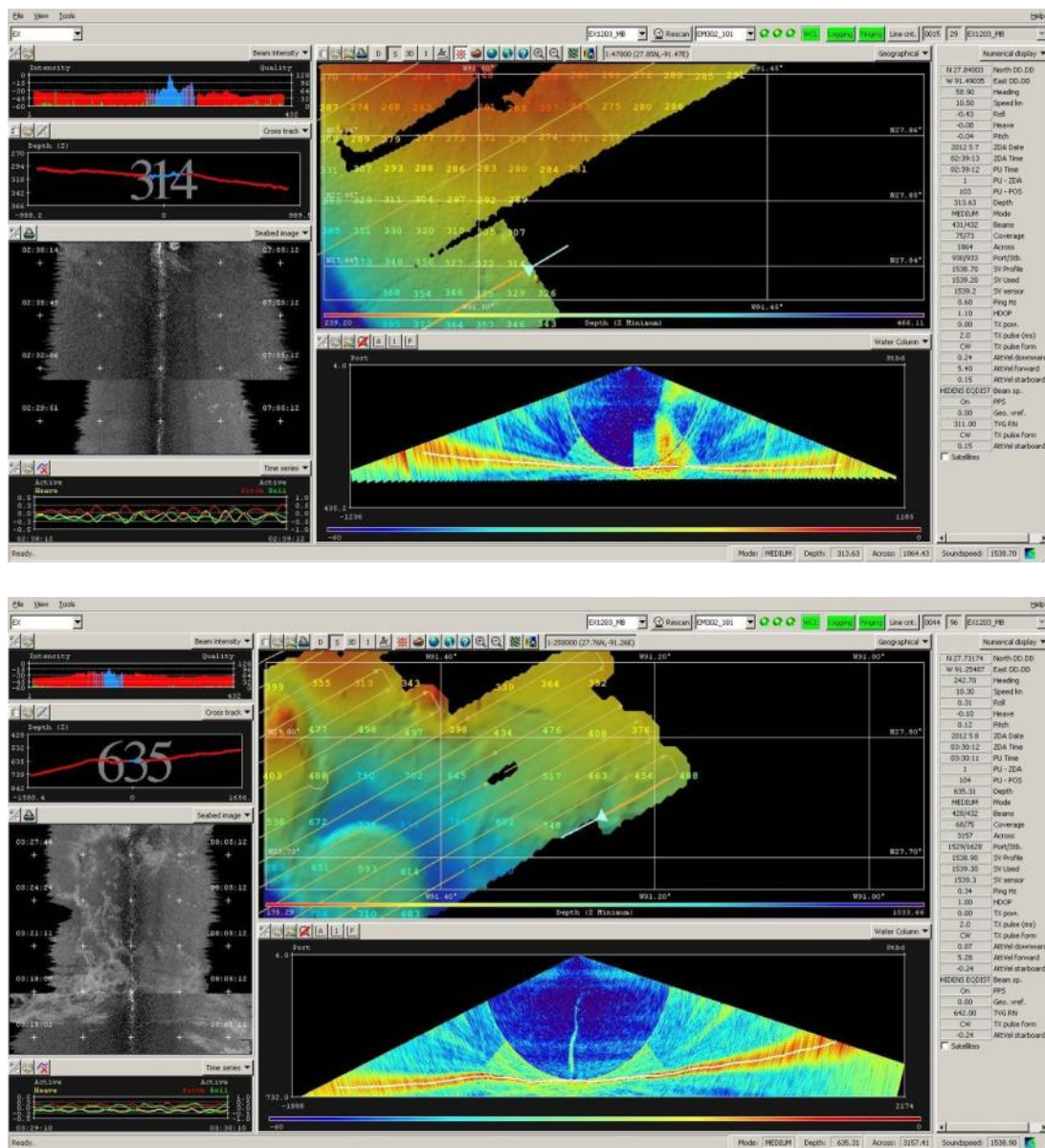


Figure 12: Screen grabs of SIS computer data acquisition showing two seeps observed in vicinity of Green Canyon.

EK 60 data were collected using Kongsberg GPT firm ware version 2.2.1 in the \*.raw data file format.

The QPS Fledermaus MidWater software package (Ver. 7.3.0c Build 968) was used to process EM 302 water column backscatter and EK 60 data and view the resulting Fledermaus SD objects. The programs are the best method available to the mapping department for water column data processing.

The visualization of EK60 and EM302 data together showed a close agreement between all the seeps that were detected by EK60 were also picked up by EM 302. However, EM302 was able to

pick up also the seeps which were off nadir. An example of visualization of water column data showing the bathymetry, EK 60 single beam water column backscatter curtain and volume object of EM 302 is below:

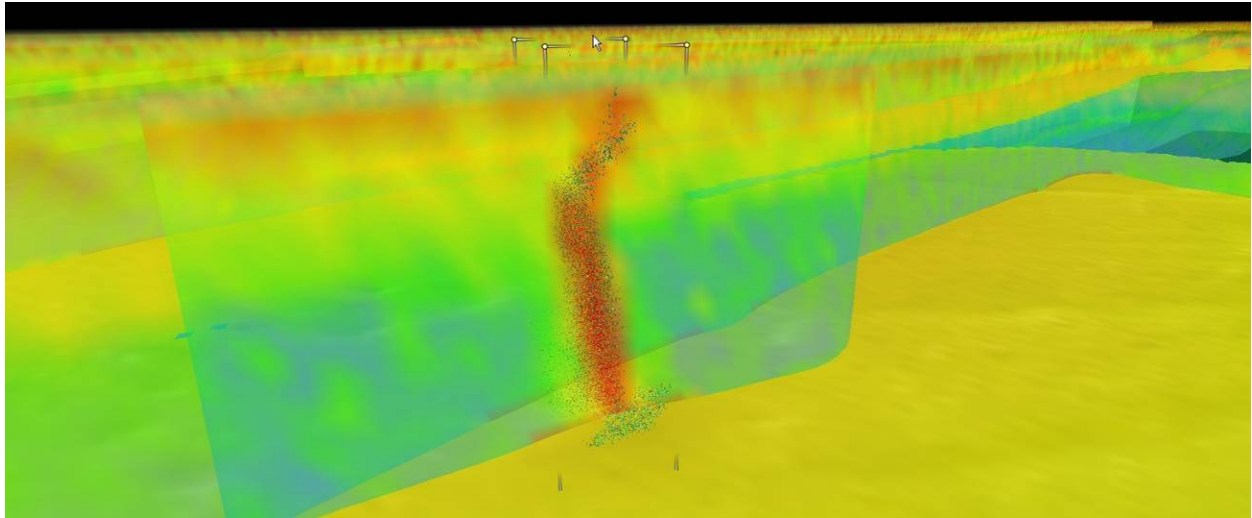


Figure 13: EK 60 water column curtain superimposed by the EM302 water column backscatter seep cloud (green points).

Sub-bottom profiler (SBP) data were collected using Knudsen Chirp 3260 v. 1.6.1. Data in SGY, and KEB file format were collected on most of the days between 0800-2000 local ship time using minimum power level to minimize SBP noise inside the ship's living quarters. Available post processing software onboard, Sonar Wiz v. 4004.0034 was found to only work with SGY file format but was found not to take into account the scale changes resulting in images which were not corrected for the scale changes appropriately.

### **EM 302 Trouble Shooting**

During inport before the current cruise the EM302 data acquisition computer (SIS) windows were updated to the latest version. This resulted in issues related to virtual memory on the SIS computer that resulted in SIS crashing several times in beginning of the cruise. The windows system was then back tracked to an earlier version which seems to resolve the SIS issues.

## **9. Data Archival Procedures**

All the data from the expedition has been submitted to NCDDC where the data are being prepared for onward submission to the archival centers. Following is the brief data pipeline excerpts from Data management plan, EX1203.

The multibeam survey data collected by bottom-looking and complementary sensors, data from the calibration instruments, and the products generated after the data are returned to and post-processed at shore will be archived at NGDC. These data will be accompanied with a collection level metadata record for NGDC as well as individual metadata records for each raw (level-0)

file, each edited (level-1) file and each data product (level-2) and report (level-3) generated as a result. In addition, the submission to NGDC will include the following:

- raw (level-0) mapping survey and water column data files,
- CTD and/or XBT profile data used for calibration in multibeam survey,
- post-processed, quality assured, and edited (level-1) data files,
- specific data products (level-2) including cumulative GeoTIF images, gridded bathymetric files, KML files, Fledermaus output files, and an ArcGrid format, and
- comprehensive mapping survey data summary (level-3) report.

### Multibeam Data/Products Pipeline

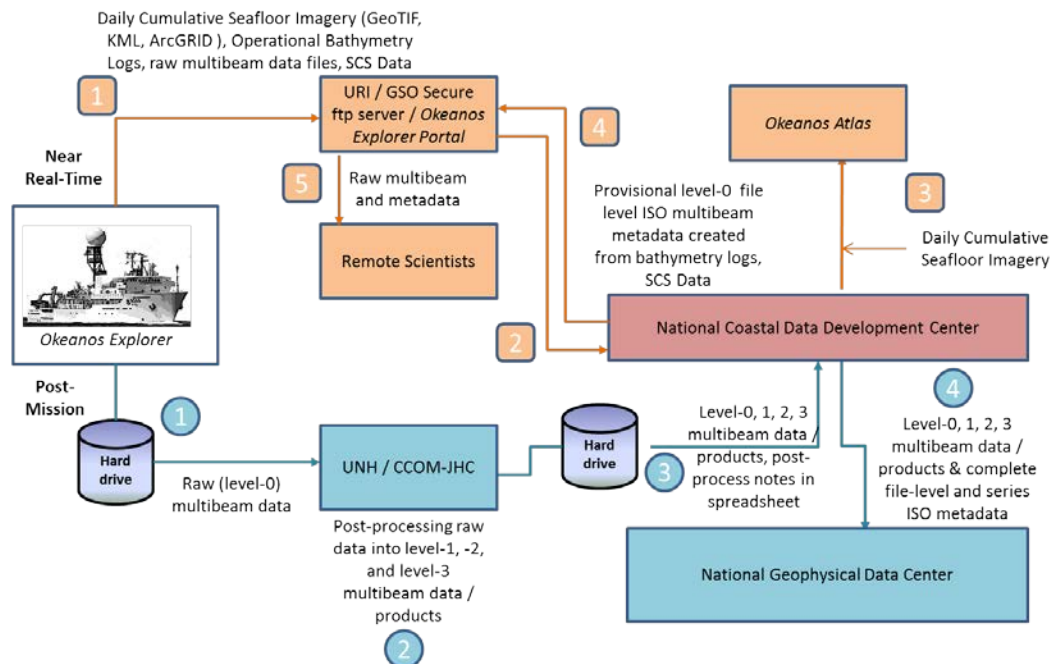


Figure 10: Multibeam Survey Data Archive Pipeline

### Near Real-Time

1

The mapping survey team on the EX will include their operational processing spreadsheet in the folder that is targeted for synchronization to the SRS periodically throughout the day. As operational GeoTIFF images are created, these will also be saved to this folder.

2

The data management team at NCDDC pulls the GeoTIFF images, operational bathymetry processing spreadsheet and the SCS data streams for near real-time metadata generation and *Okeanos Atlas* update procedures.

3

Daily cumulative GeoTIFF images of the seafloor imagery are geo-located on the *Okeanos* Atlas by the GIS team at NCDDC.

4

Provisional metadata in an ISO format is generated for each raw (level-0) multibeam raw files using the SCS exported data, the operational processing spreadsheet and saved to the SRS.

5

Participating scientists wanting access to the raw multibeam in near real-time can pull the individual files with the metadata that provides operational and provisional processing steps and a disclaimer for non-QC status of the data.

### Post-Mission

1

All bottom-looking sensor data and complementary data (water column and sound velocity) are saved to a hard-drive. This hard-drive will be either brought back or shipped to the University of New Hampshire Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (UNH CCOM) for post-processing.

2

A full complement of multibeam data from a 30-day EX cruise on which the Kongsberg EM302 multibeam system runs continuously will produce 200-300 Gigabytes of raw multibeam (37.5% of total volume) and water column data (62.5% of total volume). At UNH, the mapping team will post-process the multibeam data through the following steps:

- The raw (level-0) data will be saved to the IOCM/ CCOM file servers, where they will be quality checked and post-processed.
- The edited level-0 data is saved as level-1 data files in a non-proprietary format – ASCII xyz files (cleaned not gridded).
- The post-processing steps used to produce the level-1 data will be documented.
- Level-2 products will be generated from the level-1 data files.
- The post-processing steps used to produce the level-2 data products will be documented.
- The level-1 data, level-2 products, post-processing steps, and working data processing spreadsheets will be copied to the hard drive in a new folder. A processing spreadsheet for FY12 will contain the temporal and spatial limits of each file and any supplemental information documenting problems or issues that affected the quality of the data in that file.

3

The hard-drive will be shipped to the NCDDC within approximately 3 weeks from cruise end date.

4

At NCDDC, all multibeam related files will be post-processed through metadata generation procedures. Metadata will be generated for each individual survey track file (level-0 and -1), for accompanying CTD/XBT profile data sets, for composite xyz files, KMLs, GeoTIFFs, png images, and Fledermaus output (level-2), and a set of data products and reports (level-3). The metadata will be added to the hard-drive and the hard-drive will be shipped to NGDC.



Following table provides details about multibeam survey metadata granularity and target archive dates:

<b>Data Class</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Metadata Granularity</b>	<b>Archive Center</b>
<b>GEO</b>	Kongsberg EM302 (30 kHz)	Multibeam Bathymetry, Bottom Backscatter, Water Column Backscatter (proprietary format read into MBSYSTEM)	.all, .wcd (proprietary)	1 meta rec per .all file in Multibeam Data folder and subfolders	NGDC
<b>GEO</b>	Simrad EK60	Singlebeam (time,depth)	.txt, (ASCII), .raw (proprietary)	Included in the SCS feed	TBD
<b>GEO</b>	Knudsen CHIRP 3260 (3.5 kHz)	Sub-bottom profile	.sgy, .kea, .keb (proprietary)	1 meta rec = Subbottom Profile Data folder	NGDC
<b>OCN</b>	SeaBird SBE-911plus	CTD Cast	.hex, .con (Proprietary); .cnv, .hdr, .bl, .jpg (processed)	1 meta rec = CTD folder	NGDC
<b>OCN</b>	Sippican MK-21 eXpendable BathyThermograph (XBT)	XBT	.edf (ASCII), .rdf (proprietary)	1 meta rec = XBT folder	NGDC
<b>OCN</b>	RESON	Sound Velocity (m/s)	TBD	1 meta rec = RESON folder	NGDC
<b>OCN</b>	Calculated	Sound Velocity (m/s)	.asvp (ASCII)	1 meta rec = Profile_Data/SVP or Profile_Data/ASVP	NGDC

## 10. Cruise Calendar

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					5 May Depart Galveston. Conducted Fire and Emergency Drill / Abandon Ship Drill	6 May Arrive in Green canyon mapping area
7 May Continue operations in Green canyon survey area. Oil Sheen observed - reported to NRC and USCG.	8 May Start transit towards Mississippi Canyon (MC) mapping area	9 May Continue mapping in MC mapping area. Small boat operations to train deck personnel on FRB Davits	10 May Continue mapping in MC mapping area	11 May Continue mapping in MC mapping area. Commence Transit to Western Florida Escarpment (WFE). Conducted Fire and Emergency Drill / Abandon Ship Drill	12 May Continue transit to WFE mapping area adjacent to existing bathymetry	13 May Commence WFE mapping. Commence transit to Dry Tortugas diving site for ship's divers proficiency dive.
14 May Weather too rough for small boat / diving operations. Dive cancelled. Commenced transit through Florida Strait. Diving operations near Key Largo conducted	15 May Commence transit to Coral Mounds (CM) mapping area 1	16 May Commenced mapping in CM mapping area # 1	17 May Continued mapping in CM mapping area #1. Test CTD Cast.	18 May Commenced transit to CM mapping area # 2. Abandon Ship Drill, Fire & Emergency Drill and MOB Drill	19 May Tropical Storm 'Alberto' formed offshore Carolinas. Due to rough weather returned to CM mapping area # 1	20 May 'Alberto' predicted to intensify – Pulled into MayPort, FL till 'Alberto' clears the area
21 May 1000 Departed Mayport Naval Station, Mayport, FL	22 May Search pattern conducted at request of USCG after observing a flare later determined to	23 May Arrived Norfolk 1800				

	be related to military exercises in the area. Continue transit towards Norfolk, VA.					
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## 12. Appendices

### *Appendix A: Tables of data files collected*

#### **Table of Multibeam EM 302 files collected. File Name format:**

#### **Line Number \_ Date\_Time\_CruiseID\_MB.all**

Note: Issues with Java and repeated crashes of SIS caused issues with filenames and loss of water column data files.

Multibeam File	Water Column file	Comments
0000_20120506_031921_EX.all	0000_20120506_031921_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
0001_20120506_051921_EX.all	0001_20120506_051921_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
0002_20120506_071921_EX.all	0002_20120506_071921_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
0003_20120506_073501_EX.all	0003_20120506_073501_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
0004_20120506_074034_EX.all	0004_20120506_074034_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
0005_20120506_074411_EX.all	0005_20120506_074411_EX.wcd	Galveston, TX to Green Canyon Mapping Grounds
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0011_2012_139_1216_010.keb	05/19/2012
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## ***Appendix B: EM302 description and operational specs***

### **EM 302 : Ideal for Ocean Exploration**

There are several features of the *Okeanos Explorer's* 30 kHz multibeam that make it an excellent tool for ocean exploration. The following is a brief description of these features.

#### **Depth Range**

The system is designed to map the seafloor in water depths of 10 to 7000 meters. This leaves only the deepest parts of the deeper ocean trenches out of the EM 302's reach. Moreover, operational experience on the *Okeanos Explorer* has shown consistent EM 302 bottom detection at depth ranges in excess of 8000m. The optimal depth for EM 302 has been found to be > 150 m.

#### **High Density Data**

In multibeam data, the denser the data, the finer resolution maps you can produce. The system can operate in dual swath, or multi-ping mode, which results in increased along track data density. This is achieved by detecting two swaths per ping cycle, resulting in up to 864 beams per ping.

The *Okeanos Explorer* mapping team typically operates the multibeam in high density equidistant ping mode, which results in up to 864 soundings on the seafloor per ping.

#### **Full Suite of Data Types Collected**

The system collects seafloor backscatter data, which provides information about the character of the seafloor in terms of bottom type.

The system also collects water column backscatter data, which has the ability to detect gaseous plumes in the water column. The full value of this feature is still being realized.

FM chirp mode is utilized in water depths greater than 1000 meters, and allows for the detection of the bottom further out from nadir than with previous 30 kHz systems.

#### **Multibeam Primer**

The area of the seafloor covered, or ensonified, by a single beam within a pulse of sound, or ping, is called the beam footprint. This beam footprint is defined in terms of the across track and along track values. Both of these values are dependent on water depth and the beam width at which the sound pulse is transmitted and received. The across track beam width value is also dependent on the receive angle, or "listening" angle, of the system, and the angle from nadir which it is received from. The receive angle for the receive transducer on the *Okeanos Explorer* EM302 is 1°, which is the smallest possible angle currently available for the EM302 system. The further out from nadir a sounding occurs, the larger the footprint will be. For example, as seen in Table 1 below, in 2000 meters of water, a beam footprint will have a radius of 18 meters at nadir but 25 meters by the time it hits the seafloor at an angle 140 degrees out from nadir.



Calculated acrosstrack acoustic beam footprint for EM 302 (high density ping mode, 432 soundings/profile)				
Water depth (m)	Angle from nadir			
50	1 deg RX center	90 deg	120 deg	140 deg
100	1	0.5	1	1
200	2	1	2	3
400	4	2	3	5
1000	7	4	6	10
2000	18	9	16	25
4000	35	19	32	-
6000	70	37	-	-
7000	105	56	-	-

Table 1. Calculated across track EM 302 beam footprint. Reference: Kongsberg Product description, Kongsberg document 302675 Rev B, Date 14/06/06, p. 17.

Calculated acrosstrack sounding density for EM 302 (high density ping mode, 432 soundings/profile)			
Water depth (m)	Swath Width		
50	90 deg	120 deg	140 deg
100	0.2	0.4	0.9
200	0.5	0.8	1.7
400	0.9	1.6	3.5
1000	1.9	3.2	6.9
2000	4.6	8.1	17.4
4000	9.3	16.2	-

Table 2. Calculated across track EM 302 sounding density. Reference: Kongsberg Product description, Kongsberg document 302675 Rev B, Date 14/06/06, p. 17.

Acrosstrack sounding density describes the spacing between individual soundings on the seafloor in the acrosstrack direction. The maximum swath of the EM 302 is 150 degrees. At this swath, the sounding density will be the least dense, since the beams will be spread out over a larger horizontal distance over the seafloor. As the swath angle (width) is decreased, the sounding density will increase, as the same number of beams are now spread out over a smaller horizontal distance over the seafloor.

Calculated ping rate and alongtrack resolution for EM 302					
140 deg swath, <b>one</b> profile per ping					
			Alongtrack distance between profiles (m)		
Water depth (m)	Swath Width (m)	Ping Rate (pings/second)	@ 4 kts	@ 8 kts	@ 12 kts
50	275	3.2	0.7	1.2	1.9
100	550	1.8	1.1	2.2	3.3
200	1100	1	2.1	4.2	6.3
400	2200	0.5	4.1	8.2	12.2
1000	5500	0.2	10	20	30
2000	8000	0.1	15.2	30.5	45.7
4000	8000	0.06	19.2	38.5	57.7
6000	8000	0.04	24.5	49	73.4

Table 3. Calculated ping rate and along track EM 302 sounding density, one profile per ping. Reference: Kongsberg Product description, Kongsberg document 302675 Rev B, Date 14/06/06, p. 15.

Calculated ping rate and alongtrack resolution for EM 302					
140 deg swath, <b>two</b> profiles per ping					
Water depth (m)	Swath Width (m)	Ping Rate	Alongtrack distance between profiles (m)		
			@ 4 kts	@ 8 kts	@ 12 kts
50	275	3.2	0.3	0.6	0.9
100	550	1.8	0.6	1.1	1.7
200	1100	1	1.1	2.1	3.2
400	2200	0.5	2	4.1	6.1
1000	5500	0.2	5	10	15
2000	8000	0.1	7.6	15.2	22.8

Table 4. Calculated ping rate and along track EM 302 sounding density, two profiles per ping. Reference: Kongsberg Product description, Kongsberg document 302675 Rev B, Date 14/06/06, p. 15.

Reference: Kongsberg Product Description: EM 302 multibeam echosounder.

### ***Appendix C: Acronyms and abbreviations***

BOEM: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
CCOM: Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping (UNH)  
CTD: Conductivity, Temperature, Depth  
EEZ: Exclusive Economic Zone  
ERT Inc: Earth Resources Technologies, Inc  
GSO: Graduate School of Oceanography (URI)  
JHC: Joint Hydrographic Center (UNH)  
MBES: Multibeam Echo Sounder  
NCDDC: National Coastal Data Development Center  
NGDC: National Geophysical Data Center  
NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
OER: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research  
OMAO: Office of Marine and Aviation Operations  
SCS: Shipboard Computer System  
SOP: Standard Operating Procedure  
SST: Senior Survey Technician  
ST: Survey Technician  
UCAR: University Corporation for Atmospheric Research  
UNH: University of New Hampshire  
URI: University of Rhode Island  
USGS: United States Geological Survey  
XBT: Expendable Bathy Thermograph  
CSIRO: The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

## ***Appendix D: May 24, 2012 Event attendees list***



### ***Okeanos Explorer Expedition of Mid-Atlantic Canyons:***

#### ***Leveraging NOAA & State Capacity to Meet Ocean Habitat & Planning Interests***

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